



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s)) Ghassan SEMAAN
Application No.) 09/658,778
Filing Date) September 11, 2000
Title) METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PARTITIONING
SONET FRAMES INTO LOGICAL CHANNELS
TO OPTIMIZE BANDWIDTH UTILIZATION
Examiner) Ahmed Elallam
Art Unit) 2616

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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8/23/06* Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the final Office Action mailed June 12, 2006, rejecting Claims 1-21 of the above-referenced Application, in which Claims 1-21 are pending, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered and remarks be considered. In view of these amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the Application is now in condition for allowance, without further search, and respectfully requests such action.